

FREIGHT HANDLERS GIVE THE RAILROADS UNTIL THURSDAY

The freight handlers' union has given the railroads until Thursday to agree to the new terms submitted by the men yesterday. The new terms ask for a 15 per cent increase, instead of 25 per cent, as at first intended. This action was taken at a mass meeting addressed by Sam Gompers yesterday afternoon.

In addition, the men ask time and a half for overtime, double time on Sundays and holidays, and complete recognition of the union. The demands were submitted to 22 railroads.

Sam Gompers, in his speech to the freight handlers, said in part:

"We do not wish to break, cripple or bankrupt capital. We wish to work with the men who employ us, but we wish to work with them as man to man. We do not wish to approach them in pleading and supplication. We wish to tell them what we desire, what we think we ought to have; that we believe the profits of their business warrants them paying us better wages and all owing us better working conditions. We wish to respect our employers, but at the same time we wish them to respect us. Singly we cannot accomplish this. It is possible only through organization."

WAR BULLETINS

London. — Two British forces are now closing in rapidly on Germans in German East Africa, last of the kaiser's colonies unconquered.

Advancing from southwest, Gen. Northey, commander of Northern Rhodesia, has marched 20 miles into German territory. Main British force under Gen. Smuts, moving from the northeast, has captured railway station at Iplana evacuated by enemy.

Paris. — In five-hour battle waged last night on west bank of Meuse, two most violent German attacks from Corbeaux woods, west of Camerles, were completely refused.

STRIKERS FAIL TO CONNECT WITH SAM INSULL

Sam Insull's attitude toward the striking employees of the Commonwealth Edison Co. remains as stubborn as ever. Yesterday Irving Knott, business agent of the Electrical Workers' union, Local 9, gave the company another chance to avert the shutdown of electric current in Chicago. But after a two-hours' conference he decided that Sam Insull would see Chicago dark before granting decent conditions to the men. So the strike goes on.

W. G. Keith, city commissioner of gas and electricity, has asked union leaders to meet him today. It is said he will try to arrange arbitration of the trouble.

Albert Peterson, business agent of the engineers' union, which is going out in sympathy with the electricians, said that practically all of his men would be out this afternoon.

CHIEF BACKS UP PRAISE

"Chicago has one of the most efficient fire departments in the world, taking in from both the standpoint of the individual and the department as a whole." — From the statements of insurance companies.

The auto of Acting Chief John Stahl, 3d battalion, reached the fire at the Hirst & Begley Linseed Co., Armitage and Mendel, long before the engines yesterday. Hearing a negro watchman was trapped on the second floor, Chief Stahl went up a piece of iron pipe hand over hand and broke a window. He found the unconscious watchman, Tom Clayton, and carried him to safety. The fire caused \$20,000 damage.

Investigating death of Mildred Hoffman, Milwaukee, at home of Miss Blanche Curley, 9 S. Oakley av., of suspected illegal operation. Drs. W. J. Wick and W. D. Pennington, 31 N. State, summoned before coroner's inquest.